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CONCATENATED METHODS ACROSS MULTIPLE  
HETEROGENEOUS DATA SOURCES

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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING APPEAL BRIEF**

This AMENDMENT is for the purpose of amending claims 4 and 38 to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, indefinite rejections with respect to claims 11-19, and also to obviate the objection to claim 38 based on an incorrect dependence recitation.

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Copies of claims 4 and 38 showing the changes made are attached to his Amendment. Copies of the other appealed claims are presented in the Appendix.